

# Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee

## Budget Summary



### Overview

The Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee overall proposed budget totals \$5.8 billion, which is a \$470.2 million (7.52 percent) decrease from the 2010-11 fiscal year. This includes a \$320.1 million (9.24 percent) decrease in General Revenue funds, a \$84.3 million (11.42 percent) increase from the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund and a decrease of \$234.4 million (11.44 percent) in other trust fund budget authority from the 2010-11 fiscal year Appropriation. The budget also includes a 5 percent base tuition increase authority for Workforce, Florida's College and State Universities. The proposed budget includes funding for 1,302.75 authorized positions, which is 57.25 fewer positions than the 2010-11 fiscal year.

### Key Issues

- Reduces funding for State Universities by 5.2 percent and State Colleges by 4.5 percent from the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
- The budget reduces 55 positions in the Vocational Rehabilitation Injured Worker Program to align with the Department of Financial Services transfer of Workers Compensation Administrative Trust Fund dollars.
- Decreases General Revenue for Private Colleges and Universities by \$58.4 million (74.05 percent) from the 2010-2011 fiscal year appropriation.
- Increases lottery funds by \$45.1 million (12.08 percent) for Student Financial Aid (total state funds increase of \$94.7 million).
- The budget reduces Bright Futures funding by \$65.1 million (14.89 percent) and need-based Student Financial Aid by \$11.4 million (8.49 percent).
- Prohibits co-enrollment of adult education students, which reduces General Revenue by \$28.1 million.
- Authorizes a 5 percent tuition increase at Florida Colleges, which generates an additional \$42.3 million in revenue.
- Authorizes a 5 percent tuition increase, 10 percent tuition differential fee, and other tuition adjustments at State Universities which generate a total of \$160 million in revenue.

### Breakdown

#### ***Vocational Rehabilitation***

- \$195.1 million budget, which is a decrease of \$25.2 million (11.43 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

#### ***Blind Services***

- \$51.9 million budget, which is a decrease of \$5.8 million (10.10 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

#### ***Private Colleges & Universities***

- \$20.5 million budget, which is a decrease of \$5.6 million (21.53 percent) from the 2010-2011 fiscal year appropriation, not including the transfer of Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG) and Access to Better Learning Grant (ABLE) of \$81.8 million.

#### ***Student Financial Aid***

- \$589.2 million budget, which is an overall decrease of \$78.8 million (13.44 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation, not including FRAG and ABLE transfer.

#### ***Workforce Education***

- \$476.2 million budget, which is an overall decrease of \$28.5 million (5.64 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

#### ***Florida College System***

- \$989.6 million budget, which is an overall decrease of \$130.4 million (11.64 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation. When tuition revenues generated by the authorized 5 percent tuition increase are included, the overall reduction for colleges is 4.5 percent.

#### ***State University System***

- \$3.4 billion budget, which is an overall decrease of \$189.4 million (5.22 percent) from the 2010-2011 fiscal year appropriation. This includes tuition revenue budget authority of \$160 million.

#### ***Board of Governors***

- \$5.7 million budget, which is a decrease of \$500,000 (8 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.